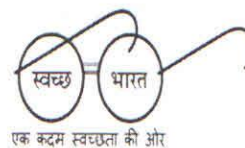


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No. RJ/DDG-R/SBC Meeting/2020/116

Dated: - 12.11.2021

Minutes of Meeting

The IIIrd State Broadband Committee Meeting to review the "National Broadband Mission" implementation was held on **Monday, 01 November 2021 at 11 AM** through VC under the **Chairmanship of Chief Secretary, GoR.**

1. The following officers attended the meeting through video conferencing:

- i. Smt. Aparna Arora, Principal Secretary, RD&PR
- ii. Smt. Sreya Guha, Principal Secretary, Forest
- iii. Sh. Anand Kumar, Principal Secretary, Revenue
- iv. Sh. Kunji Lal Meena, Principal Secretary, UDH
- v. Sh. Alok Gupta, Principal Secretary, IT&C
- vi. Sh. Bhaskar A. Sawant, Chairman DISCOMs, Energy
- vii. Sh. Bhawani Singh Detha, Secretary, LSG
- viii. Sh. Chinn Hari Meena, Secretary, PWD
- ix. Sh. Harwesh Bhatiya, Sr. DDG, DoT, Rajasthan – Member Convener
- x. Sh. V.K.Surendra, DDG Rural, DoT, Rajasthan
- xi. Sh. Sunil Kumar Singhal, Director Rural, DoT, Rajasthan
- xii. Sh. Sandeep Govil, CGM, BSNL, Rajasthan
- xiii. Sh. Rajesh Kumar Panwar, CGM, BBNL, Rajasthan
- xiv. Sh. T.R. Dua, Director General, DIPA (formerly known as TAIPA) & team
- xv. Sh. K. Kapoor, CoAI & Team
- xvi. Sh. Umesh Bhandari, President, Reliance Industries Limited
- xvii. Sh. R C Jain, Consultant, Reliance Jio

At the outset, PS, IT&C welcomed Hon'ble Chief Secretary, GoR, and other members of SBC. He then briefed the meeting by highlighting the issues as raised by Telecom Service/ Infrastructure Providers in the 2nd SBC meeting held on 24.08.2021 under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Chief Secretary, GoR & discussed the agenda points as circulated along with meeting notice-

(a) Formation of District Level Telecom Committees & Meetings:

PS, IT&C apprised that DLTCs have been formed in all districts to deal with the issues relating to public grievances for installation of towers, timely disposal of applications for permission, etc and meetings have also been conducted in the districts.

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DIPA representative informed that in some of the DLTC meetings, district representative of Telecom Infrastructure/ Service Providers (TIPs / TSPs) were not invited.

CS emphasized to conduct the DLTCs meeting in the presence of representatives of TIPs/ TSPs in each district & asked PS, IT&C to remind the same in the meeting of collectors scheduled on the 02.11.2021.

(b) RF coverage portal for coverage of telecom towers & mobile signals:

CS emphasized the necessity for the development of a tool to analyze the existing mobile coverage and identify the dark zones having poor or no connectivity in remote areas of Rajasthan.

Sr. DDG DOT informed that DoT is already developing RF coverage portal of mobile connectivity on PAN India basis. In order to have a graphical visualization of mobile signal coverage for the entire Rajasthan state, the portal will be made operational within a month.

CS asked Sr. DDG DOT for early development of portal & intimate state government once portal is made operational.

(c) Development of on line RoW Portal :

PS, IT& C informed that online portal has been developed for online submissions/ disposal of applications for the permission of laying/establishing underground/ above-ground telegraph infrastructure for UDH/LSG departments. Portal is live now and users can submit/ dispose of the RoW applications on the online portal. An online training session has already been conducted for telecos/LSG/UDH for online submission and disposal of RoW applications.

DG (DIPA) appreciate & thank the state government for the very fruitful online Portal for granting Telecom Infrastructure NoCs.

CS emphasized using the online portal by all TSPs / TIPs for online submissions of applications for the permission of laying/establishing underground/ above-ground telegraph infrastructure for UDH/LSG departments.

(d) Delay in issuance of permissions for Tower NOC and laying of OFC:

PS, IT&C informed that there are around 9920 cases with Revenue, 3602 cases with LSG and 339 cases with UDH are pending for tower NOC. Apart from this, 97 cases with Revenue, 242 cases with LSG and 57 cases with UDH are also pending for tower NOC of Reliance Jio.

Sr. DDG, DoT submitted that a major part of pendency is for regularization of existing towers and there is no progress in tower NOC cases due to policy issues.

PS, IT&C apprised that instead of Rajasthan RoW Policy 2017 issued by GoR, LSG order dated 28th March 2018 & UDH order dated 20th February 2019 has been issued to regularise the existing towers as per 2012 policy provisions. These adverse orders for following 2012 bye-laws for regularization of telecom towers have halted the NOC for the towers across the State.

CS asked PS, Revenue to issue direction to district collectors/ SDOs to take necessary actions on pending approval on priority.

Secretary LSG suggested to have the disposal of pending RoW cases in camps organized under 'Prashasan Shaharon ke Sang' Abhiyan.

CS directed to all TSP/TIPs to remain present during 'Prashasan Gaon ke Sang' camps for disposal of pending RoW cases & coordinate with district local authorities in this regard in advance.

(e) Delay in obtaining Forest permissions:

It was highlighted that the forest ROW cases takes 8 to 10 months in clearance from the forest department. The procedure may be simplified to get ROW permissions at the earliest.

In this regard, an appropriate & simplified procedure/SOP to all concerned be issued by the PCCF & Hoff so that permissions could be received within 90 days.

Secretary, Forest highlighted that the RoW policy for the forest is notified by central Government under FCA and State government cannot amend the same.

PS, IT&C apprised that 05 RoW cases (of BBNL) and 18 RoW cases (of Reliance) are pending with Forest, for which PS (Forest) informed that pending BBNL cases are in stage-II & will be disposed soon. PS (Forest) also submitted that out of 18 reliance cases, 10 RoW cases are lying with user agency for further compliance and most of the cases are recently received & will be dispose soon.

CGM, BBNL raised the issue of working permissions (on the sites for which the forest department already gives stage1 approval) and wildlife clearance. PS (Forest) agreed to release the working permission as soon as request received from BBNL in this regard.

Representative from M/s RJIL requested to schedule a meeting in every fortnightly for quick disposal of pending cases. PS (Forest) suggested to have meeting at own level for disposal of the pending cases.

CS directed to the representative of Reliance to coordinate with PS (Forest) for resolution of all such cases for OFC laying permission & fix a meeting with PS, Forest in this regard.

(f) Pending Electricity Connections for mobile towers:

PS, IT& C apprised that as on date 28 electricity connections are pending for which the details reason of pendency was informed by nodal officer, energy in the meeting. 01 cases are in WIP, 13 applications are stuck due to ongoing court cases on the same, 6 applications have pending VCR, 2 locations could not be found, and the remaining 6 applications were declined for some reasons. Nodal Officer (Energy) also informed that apart from these above electricity connections, there are 394 pending connections of Reliance Jio. Out of these, the final demand note has been paid for 339 connections and 210 connections has been released.

The representative from M/s RJIL intimated that delay in paying D/N and location is not the issue as D/N is paid is within 3 days after receipt of the same. The delay is due to material availability which needs to be resolved for early connection at site.

CS asked energy department to look into for further pendency.

(g) Fixation of charges for laying of OFC through ducts in smart cities

Representative of DIPA apprised that Smart City project is proposing exorbitant rates for laying ducts and cables. In Udaipur city, a charge of Rs 2,153 per meter annually for laying in the ducts.

CS asked to LSG/UDH for the fixation of uniformed and reasonable charges towards cable and duct laying in all the smart city projects.

(h) Regularization of telecom towers installed prior to 6th Feb 2017:

Representative of DIPA apprised that fees has been deposited by TIPs/ TSPs as per policy of 2017 for regularization of telecom towers installed prior to 6th Feb 2017 but LSG order dated 28th March 2018 & UDH order dated 20th February 2019 has been issued to regularise the existing towers as per 2012 policy provisions. These adverse orders for following 2012 bye-laws for regularization of telecom towers have halted the NOC for the towers across the State.

PS (UDH) submitted that fees for regularizing telecom towers installed before 6th Feb 2017 be paid as per 2012 policy provisions. If some money has been paid, that will be adjusted against the case's demand note.

Further, w.r.t cancellation of permission already granted by local authorities. It was requested that instruction should be passed by local authorities to help TSPs/ IPs as much as possible.

CS directed TSPs/TIPs for submission of fees as per 2012 policy provisions for regularization of telecom towers installed prior to 6th Feb 2017.

(i) Exorbitant Annual user charges:

COAI brought out the point of exorbitant annual rent charges for putting Manhole/Chamber on the OFC Route i.e. 10% of the DLC is prescribed as per the policy. COAI highlighted that calculations based on this DLC are cumbersome and suggested that a fixed rental per annum be considered.

Principal Secretary, UDH, agreed that the charges for maintenance holes in Rajasthan need to be reviewed at the earliest.

Sr. DDG DoT also requested for incorporation of new amendment made in the Govt. of India Indian Telegraph ROW rules, 2016 by the Govt of Rajasthan in their ROW policy of 6th Feb 2017. New amendment stated that one-time compensation shall be payable for the value of the immovable property, not exceeding one thousand rupees per kilometer of the overground telegraph line established.

CS directed PS, UDH to resolve the matter relating to annual user charges and fix the charges after comparing with other states.

(j) Removal of annual user charges on the private lands & buildings:

As per GOI RoW policy 2016 , No annual user charges are to be levied on private lands & buildings so all stakeholders requested to remove the same from Feb 2017 State RoW policy.

CS asked PS (Revenue) to review the said orders in the coordination of all stakeholders.

(k) Rationalization of pole rental by DISCOM :

It was highlighted that amount of Rs. 1,500/- per pole annual charge as prescribed in the Rajasthan Police is itself very high.

Chief Secretary was further apprised that JVVNL is charging per Pole Rent Rs.2000/- with 10% escalation per year. Additionally, JVVNL has started issuing revised DNS after putting an escalation of 10% each year after 2015 rather than 2017. Now the Charges have reached to more than Rs. 3,500 per pole per year. In the DNS received by TSP it is specified for them to pay within 7 days.

In this regard, the DISCOM authorities asked COAI again to submit the comparison of the Charges in other States while mentioning about the escalation % in each state.

CS directed Chairman DISCOMs to review the pole rental charges in comparison of charges applied by other states.

(l) Provision of 5 FTTH Connections in each Gram Panchayat :

Sr. DDG DoT informed that for Effective utilization of BharatNET , the agreement has been signed with RSL for providing FTTH to 05 No. of Govt. institutions & one Public Wi-Fi to each Gram panchayat . Work has been as awarded on 21-07-2020.

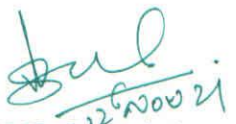
PS IT & C informed that now proposal has cleared by Finance Department (FD) and work shall be expedited soon.

Concluding Remarks of CS Rajasthan:

Hon'ble Chief Secretary in his closing remarks assured all necessary support to be provided to telecom industry being the critical & essential services by GoR .

The meeting ended with vote of thanks by Sr. DDG, Rajasthan LSA, Jaipur.

The Minutes are being issued with the approval of the Chairman of SBC.


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Copy to the following for information & necessary action: -

1. PS to Chief Secretary, GoR
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6. PS to Principal Secretary, IT&C
7. PS to Principal Secretary, PWD
8. PS to Principal Secretary, Energy
9. PS to Secretary, LSG
10. PS to Commissioner, IT&C
11. Sr. DDG, DoT, Rajasthan
12. CGM, BSNL/ BBNL, Rajasthan
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